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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

MORNING CHIT-CHAT.

7 HAT did we do before we had the telephone?

You have heard that before, haven't you? Well, don't get excited. I am not going to answer it. I admit I possibly tell you what we did before we had the telephone, but I can tell you something I think we didn't do-and that is, break our en-

"Really, if I didn't think Elinor needed me to fill her tables I certainly wouldn't go to the whist in this horrid weather. It seems such an undertaking to me to get dressed for this weather and the fire does look so nice," I heard my next door neighbor say the other day. "Why don't you telephone Elinor?" promptly suggested mother. "Ask

her if she can't get some one to take your place." "It's pretty late-I don't know as I ought to. She might get Annie to " my next door neighbor hesitated, and then, after the manner of those who hesitate, was lost.

"Oh, I guess I'll call her up and see," she capitulated. To a telephone plea of an incipient cold-my next door neighbor would be highly indignant if any one hinted she was not strictly truthful, so I suppose she must have begun to feel that cold just as she sat down to the telephone, for she said nothing about it before-and dread of the storm, the unfortunate hostess naturally responded that she would doubtless be able to find somebody to fill in.

And my next door neighbor cheerfully went back to her easy chair before the fire and I came home decided to write this. "Oh, dear, I promised to go to that church fair committee meeting," says the lady across the street, "but I do want to finish this waist to-

night. I've been fussing over it for a week now and Elsie did so want it to wear to-morrow. "Why don't you telephone the chairman that you can't come?" speaks up her husband. And in three minutes it is done. "So sorry, but some unexpected work

came up. You will forgive me, won't you? My judgment-that's sweet of you, but I don't know as it's worth very much. You'll telephone me what you decide, won't you? Thank you ever so much. Good-by.' "I promised I'd go to that concert with Edna, but I didn't know I

was going to have callers all the afternoon and get so behind in my writing. She's got the tickets and she can probably get some one else to go if I call her up," I caught myself saying the other day. If there had not been a telephone in the house every one of those

three engagements would probably have been kept. Next time you start to break an engagement via telephone, suppose you stop and ask yourself if you wouldn't have managed to keep it if it hadn't been for the tempting convenience of that little black and nickel

FROM WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

And I will, too.

There is one item of housekeeping where money is often paid away without reason-that is in soap, both for work and toilet. A few old-fashioned housekeepers make all the soap they use in the work, the common kind, from waste fat and grease, found in any place where cooking is done, and the hand and face soap from pure castile, cheap enough even when purchased in small quantities. I have been gleaning points from one of my neighbors, one of the oldschool housewives, who is willing to abandon any method when she finds a better one, but who otherwise sticks to the best of what she has learned, despite the temptations to keep pace with her neighbors,

When I paid her an informal visit yesterday afternoon she escorted me to the kitchen with an air of pride which rather prepared me for something unusual. There I saw two large black pans lined with clean brown paper and filled with the whitest kind of soap, which nothing more than the dime spent sented by the ammonia and borax. The grease was saved and clarified in her own kitchen, and there is always enough to make soap twice a year. Once in a while she may have to buy a cake or two of soap before her own product is ready for use, and she has been known to buy a piece of suet to make up the required quantity of grease when soapmaking time arrived. But these are only

This is her method, and simple enough it seems. Every particle of fat is saved, neated, clarified with potato and put into five-pound pails. Her pails are the kind n which sugar or milk for the use of babies is packed, honest measure, and two are filled before soap is made. This is melted and added to the contents of a vellow bowl placed in the sink-a quart and a half-pint of cold water, one tablespoonful of ammonta, a scant tablespoonful of borax, and the can of potash, all thoroughly mixed with a long stick and care against spattering. The fat is poured in slowly with stirring, and after the thick mass has been put into paper lined tins ft is exposed to sun and air till set, then barred off, removed from the pans, and put away to harden.

This is white and light and cheap, if allowed to properly dry. Green soap is wasteful, and that is the kind usually purchased at stores. Toilet soap I have made for myself from white castile shaved fine and made into a passe with water and oatmeal boiled to a jelly. I did not strain it and I did not measure the water, but I used half as much of the jelly as there was of soap paste. In my first batch I used weak carbolic acid, the kind sold by druggists for tollet puroses, half a teaspoonful to a point, but when a friend told me that peroxide of nydrogen was better I substituted that in the same quantity when I made my second lot, and I liked it better, I molded it in custard cups, haif filling them after a rinsing in cold water, and I never could buy better soap at any price. knew that it was safe to use even on the delicate skin of the face. The work is nothing to women with leisure to spare. BETTY BRADEEN.

Good Old Oyster Pie.

In the old time a shallow pudding-dish scallops, except that the oysters were al- tons. owed to cook in the sauce for three minutes after they went in. Then the crust was laid back on the dish and the whole sent to table. The argument against lining the pie-dish with raw paste, putting in the uncooked oysters and baking all together, was that by the time the paste was ready to eat, the oysters were overdone and insipid.

Why Kettles Sing.

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The tailored suit is one of the set styles. It is always admirable. Skirts are narwas lined with good puff paste, filled row or plaited, quite five inches off the with crusts of bread, these covered with floor, and cut with the normal waist line a top of the paste, and baked. The edges or slightly above it. Seams are tailored of the dish were well buttered so that and heavily stitched. The coats are inthe crust would not adhere to them too nocent of trimming, mannish in cut, and losely, and when the paste was baked fastened with large pearl or fabric-covhis top was lifted off carefully, the ered buttons. Sleeves are full length, oread crusts removed, and in their place with a turn back or straight-stitched put oysters prepared just as for oyster cuff, trimmed with three smaller but-

> Boots for Baby. Even the baby has come in for his share

of pretty styles of footwear. White pique, aced with linen cord, is a clean, attrac tive style for morning wear. There are the most cunning little felt Juliets, edged with white rabbit skin, for the bed-room.

Kid boots of pale colors offer softness and durability, for in the modern day of 'cleansers' a soiled pair can easily be freshened up. A dainty little pair of simple one. As the water gets hot little white silk bootees is embroidered with

of the kettle. These in their rush upward | Most novel of all is the idea of using strike the sides of the kettle and set the a small piece of Irish lace, which you metal it is made of in vibration, thus have kept just because you have been causing the humming sound we call sing- waiting for some use to be made of it. ing. You will notice a copper kettle, Over a colored silk foundation this lace which has thin sides, will make a much is spread, and its flowerlike beauty is louder and more musical note than a delicately appropriate for the lace and

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WIDOWS IN HISTORY

throughout the centuries.

Widows as a type show much that is signal and salient in their bereaved peronalities. Some of them may suffer in silence, but by far the greater number give signs of a keen brain, a strong will, and a distinct individuality. History proves that widows have founded kingdoms, made wars-they seldom or never stopped them-and have ruled by right

ics, and literature. Indeed, in some cases a widow has held the power of life and death, has changed dynasties, and altered the map of continents. For grief seems in no way to put a curb on pride, ambition, and force of nothing but roses. So one royal widow character. On the other hand, sorrow may often soften and elevate. A few widows have attained saintship, while in many instances a widow has ruled wisely and well and done the best of toria, of immortal memory. She was a good deeds in her day and generation.

Royal widows seem made in a masterful mold, and when not the actual sovereign have ruled their countries with for domestic ideals. success as regents. Queen Dido, who style a good "deal," for she bought from by Winterhalter, was on view lately in this astute lady earned for herself the English home right to be called a "widow indeed," for Queen Chris herself to death with a dagger.

comes on the scene as the wife of Ninus, individuality, the mythical founder of Nineveh, and Among room as the conqueror of Persia, Libyia, and the way, Princess Henry, after her

Among other royal widows who have Queen of Denmark: Catherine de Medici, Anne of Austria, and Maria Theresa of Austria: also Catherine I and Catherine II of Russia, who both reigned right royally during their widowhoods. Margaret Queen of Denmark, when a youth- From the New York Mail.

Protestants against Catholics, and brought tiful waist. bout the massacre of St. Bartholomew. Catherine I of Russia, at the death of er husband, Peter the Great, became sole ruler of all the Russians, and Catherine II, wife of Peter III, ruled with a high and for over thirty years, and her of Russia.

Anne of Austria, who acted as queen regent for the four-year-old Louis XIV, Paris fancies.

sovereignty and one that has continued took as her chief adviser a clever courtier, the famous Cardinal Mazarin, Maria Theresa of Austria saw fifteen years of widowhood. She had a majestic mien and an undaunted courage, feminine tact and masculine energy, and raised Austria from weakness and poverty to a position of

power and influence And a word must also be said of that pious and beautiful widow, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Daughter of a king and wife of a reigning landgraf, she gave herdiviness the worlds of art, science, poll- | self to good works, and after death was canonized by Pope Gregory I. Those were the days of miracles, and of her it is told that when a paid spy opened the basket which she was carrying to a poor pendoner, the basket was found to contain

ose to the ranks of sainthood Modern times have showed us several royal widows of light and leading. First among these comes our own Queen Vicwoman who set her mark on a country and united a will of iron and a fine intellect with a warm heart and a taste

dates from 843 B. C., is said to have of Sorrows," afforded another instance Then the Empress Eugenie, that "Lady founded the city of Carthage. And anent of "sic transit," &c., and of the sadness this business she made what the modern of widowed womanhood. Her portrait, the King of Numidia as much land as the exhibition of fair women at the New could be covered by a bullock's hide; but Gallery. And this picture of a youthful as soon as the bargain was concluded beauty, daintily dressed and crowned she cut the hide into small thongs and with diamonds, makes a painful contrast thus inclosed a big piece of ground, on to the worn face and black-robed form which she built her ancient capital. Also that we see at Cap Martin or at her

Queen Christina, of Spain, is another she so deeply mourned her dead husband notable widow, who ruled her country as that she mounted a funeral pyre and did regent with marked success for eighteen years, and yet another is the Empress Then Semiramis made her mark as a Marie of Russia, sister to Queen Alexwidow when the world was young. She andra, and who is a woman of much

Among royal princesses are after her husband's death reigned for faithful widows the Duchess of Afbany forty-two years, and went down to fame and Princess Henry of Battenberg. By suited to those in mourning. This was ruled with a high hand, and who owned first printed for private circulation only, many masculine attributes are, Margaret, but an authorized edition has since appeared in Germany, to which is simply appended the signature "B, von B,"

Waist Help.

ful "relict," was by right Queen of Nor- 'A soiled lace waist can be changed from way, and also of Denmark. In 1388 she white to light on medium ecru by being annexed Sweden, and for over twenty dipped in coffee. Take the black coffee years ruled her three kingdoms with left in the pot from breakfast, strain it well off the grounds, then place it in a Catherine de Medici has gone down to vessel deep enough to put the waist into. nfamy as a clever woman with a short- Add one quart of cold water to the coffee. age of conscience. She was the wife of Place the waist in the solution and let it a king of France and the mother of stand fifteen minutes. Take it out when three French sovereigns, with, as an every piece has been through the solution. extra, one of her sons as King of Poland. Then rinse once in clear water and hang the reigned with might and main, pitted up to dry. Press it, and you have a beau-

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the hair grows must receive the attention if you are to expect it to grow and become more beautiful. Loss of hair is caused by the scalp drying up, or losing its supply of moisture or nutriment; when baldness occurs the scalp has simply lost all tan nourishment, leaving nothing for the hair to feed upon (a plant or even a tree would die under similar

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